

ATTACHMENT D

Board of Prison Commissioners

January 8, 2008

Dear Commissioners:

I am providing you with information that I have received from those individuals who are incarcerated. I ask that you consider what these inmates have to say, because, I do believe that it will be beneficial to all of us.

AR 707
Inmate Joseph Carpino filed a grievance against NDOC because a program that was established by Dorothy Nash Holmes and run by, I believe her name was Mary Stewart(?) for the over 50 year olds. This program took part of the law library so that a room could be made to hold the hearings. When the program was not getting the response they let everyone come in and most of them were well under 50 years old. They were given credit for playing cards and putting puzzles together. Mr. Carpino filed a grievance and was transferred to Lovelock when he has medical restrictions placed on him.

He has since filed grievances at LLCC because they too are in violation of the American Disability Act, such as, no bars for the showers, etc. He said they are going to transfer him to Ely, if they do they will take away his prosthetic leg.

Mr. Carpino is a diabetic and is not getting his proper insulin medication and cannot get proper medical attention. He has requested to be sent back to RMF where he was to begin with, before he filed a grievance against NNCC staff members.

Mr. Carpino tells me that MRSA staff infection is running rampant at LLCC and he is afraid because of his diabetes he will get it and die, just as some of his fellow inmates who have contracted MRSA did.

AR 310
Mr. Nolan Klein filed a lawsuit and is going to trial in the case of Nolan Klein V Don Helling, James Benedetti, and Charles Fournier. It is in part based on retaliation when Mr. Klein contacted attorney Treva Hearne regarding the violation of American Disability Act at Northern Nevada Correctional Center. The NNCC staff members named in the lawsuit retaliated again when they refused to let Ms. Hearne enter the prison because of a book, "To Prove His Innocence," the story of Nolan Klein. Then to add insult to injury they accused Ms. Hearne of being married to an ex-felon and, therefore, posed a threat to the prison. Ms. Hearne is not married nor is she involved with an ex-felon. Ms. Hearne's ex-husband would be a practicing attorney in Missouri who was very angry that he is being accused of being an ex felon who killed his child.

Then to top it off NNCC staff implicated Ms. Hearne and myself, Tonja Brown, along with Mr. Klein that we were trying to defraud an inmate that Ms. Hearne was representing when she set up a trust for another inmate. This inmate then asked me to become the trustee for him and when NNCC found this out, NNCC placed Mr. Klein on this inmates enemy list and transferred to Lovelock, even when the inmate had made it known several times to NNCC that he wanted Mr.

Klein removed from his enemy list.

NNCC new prior to them shipping Mr. Klein to Love Lock Correctional Center that the Inspector General's office and the Attorney General's said that there was no wrong doing with regard to the inmates trust account. And because of this, Mr. Klein's health had declined because test were conducted and not reviewed for approximately 6 months. The trial in this case was set for November, but, because Mr. Klein was undergoing the interferon treatment, the court allowed the trial to be postponed. In the meantime, Mr. Klein contracted MRSA that nearly took his life. He is now been in isolation since the end of November.

It has also been pointed out to me by several inmates that they are living in unsanitary conditions. They complain that they are not allowed to properly clean their cells with bleach and if they are found with any cleaning supplies they will be written up. They also said that each inmate is responsible for cleaning their own cell and their bedding, however, if an inmate is too sick to get out of bed and change his own sheets he will lay in the dirty linen until they are able to wash them and make their own bed. They complain that the porters do not clean well enough and the inmates who are afraid of catching anything, such as, a staff infection have to go back over what the porters have already cleaned.

I have attached a letter from inmates concerning the health condition of the prisons where inmates have contracted the MRSA staff infection and are not being checked for it. Also, inmates are being denied access to any good time credits, 10 days a month, because of being housed in the medical unit and are unable to have access to the yard.

There is a major concern that the new inmates, commonly known as FISH who are coming out of the fish tank are having to come thru 7b the medical wing. It is highly possible that Mr. Klein's former roommate, who just so happened to have been right out of the fish tank infected Mr. Klein with the MRSA staff infection that nearly killed him. NDOC must come up with another solution to keep the new people (FISH) away from those who are ill.

I am very concerned regarding the safety of the inmates who are being housed in unsafe areas where the fire escape doors are welded shut, like the one in NSP. Electrical outlets, such as, the ones at NNCC are a concerned for the inmates. I have notified the State's fire Marshall as to the danger's of what lies behind the prison walls if a fire should break out. Inmates will be trapped with no way out.

Religious matters: NDOC discriminates against other religions, Wiccan. In Klein v NDOC,, NDOC has asked Mr. Klein to assist in writing the AR's on religion. Do not know if it has been done. What are the AR's pertaining to religions? I see none AR addresses this issue.

Governor Gibbons this is another reason why we need an Oversight Committee to oversee NDOC. *ask force*
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There are inmates that have lost days because they were housed in Unit 7B at Northern Nevada Correctional Center because for one reason or another could not be on the yard, but, had to be here for medical reasons.

Nolan Klein # 28074

Allan Hanes # 48984

Bert Toavs # 70078

Michael T. Botelho # 808037

Tom Tanner # 69105- I note, that Mr. Tanner has been medically unassigned since his incarceration--- 8+ years and not given days.

Morris Chavels # 62773

Frank Rucker # 15322-- Had done 27 YEARS ON A FIVE TO LIFE SENTENCE. Labeled a litigator.

STAFF INFECTION (MRSA)

David Lytle. # 1001746, had staff when he came to 7B. He said he contacted it in the 7A(Fish tank) when he arrived here. He was my cell mate, before he was sent to Lovelock Correctional Center. They gave him some antibiotics, but when he ran out DID NOT receive anything else. NO FOLLOW-UP!

Michael T. Botelho # 80837 is still fighting the Staff and is not checked according to him, He lived next to me in 7B.

Signed this 17th day of December 2007,

Bert Toavs # 70078

NOTE: Nolan Klein # 28074 is stilling in isolation recovering from MRSA since November 2007.

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the law
722.02* AB 722.01 inmate access to Law Libraries -
64CC. - the way it is done now an inmate can lose
on appeal because lack of being able to obtain
and research on their own

MRSA bug concern in Nevada correctional facilities

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MRSA confirmed in Nevada's prison system

Nolan Klein is an inmate at Northern Nevada Correctional Center and is now battling the "superbug" known as MRSA or methicillin resistant staphylococcus aureus, a type of staphylococcus or "staph" bacteria that are resistant to many antibiotics. Staph bacteria, like other kinds of bacteria, normally live on the skin or in the nose, usually without causing problems.

But according to his sister Tonja Brown, her brother developed a serious problem while incarcerated. "He developed a problem with his lip that had swelled up like a pimple, and a couple of days later he had something that looked like a boil."

Brown says she worries Nevada prisons aren't doing enough to prevent the spread of the infection but correctional facilities say they have been combating the virus for years.

At both the Washoe County Jail and Nevada State Prison, incoming inmates immediately go through a full medical interview.

In the past six months medical staff at Washoe County Jail have tested 81 inmates and found that more than 60 of those tests came back positive.

In those examples, the infected inmates contracted the infection outside of jail.

The jail has even changed its cleaning practices within the last several years. To help better combat the spread of the staph infection.

Medical staff at the Nevada state prison are treating three inmates with the superbug.

The Nevada Department of Corrections said it is not a new concern in the prison population: staff members have been taking proactive measures to prevent the infection for years.